

months until April 6, 2001. A check in the amount of \$890.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the outstanding Office Action, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

✓ Delete the entire text from page 20, line 10 beginning with the phrase "Fig. 1 shows a restriction map of a DNA fragment" to page 21, line 15, ending with the phrase "employed in Example 6; and"

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 49-54 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Kindly amend claims 1-3, 5-11, 15, 17 and 55 as follows. A marked-up version of claims 1-3, 5-11, 17 and 55 has been attached showing the changes made to the claims.

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1. (Amended) An isolated DNA fragment of about 5.8 Kb containing a toluene monooxygenase gene, having 1 BamHI
- [Handwritten signature/initials]*